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¶ The new Bibliography of English Language and Literature has just been published and may be obtained by members, from Professor Allen Mawer, The University, Liverpool, at 3*s*. 3*d*. per copy. To Non-members 6*s*. through any bookseller.

EDITORIAL

WE deeply regret to chronicle the death of Dr Henry Bradley, one of the most famous of the members and truest of the friends of the Association. As the *Bulletin* was going to press when the sad news was received we must defer the publication of a fitting memorial notice until next quarter. Readers of the *Modern Language Review* will not fail to notice that a review from his pen appears in the current (July) number, so literally may it be said that he worked till the last.

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We have also to mourn the loss of Dr Herman Oelsner, one of our earliest members, and from 1910 to 1914 Romance editor of the *Modern Language Review*, who passed away on April 26th. Dr Oelsner was for some years Taylorian Lecturer at the University of Oxford, and in 1909 was the first holder of the Taylorian Professorship of Romance Languages. He leaves a large circle of friends, as well as a far wider circle of those who were intimately acquainted with his work, to mourn his premature death.

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On another page we make an important announcement with reference to a new series of Studies which is to be inaugurated during the coming year. At the foundation of the M.H.R.A., five years ago, two of its principal aims were set forth as being the publication of members' work and the granting of financial aid to those who without it were unable to carry on their research.

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The *Modern Language Review*, which is now on a firm, though not yet entirely satisfactory footing, is always glad to consider short articles of a suitable nature submitted by our members. But the Association has in mind the needs of many young scholars, of whatever nationality, whose unpublished work is too lengthy for inclusion in a journal.

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Such members the Association desires to aid by taking over either the whole or a part of the financial responsibility for publishing their work. It hopes every year to select for publication one or more manuscripts from those which are submitted to it, and invites all who wish to benefit by the scheme to communicate with the Hon. Secretary as fully and as soon as possible. Further details will be found elsewhere.

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Our third annual *Bibliography of English Language and Literature*, which has just appeared, is, like the second issue, considerably larger than its predecessor, and Miss Paues and her collaborators deserve the congratulations and thanks of members, who we hope will hasten to express both by ordering their copies. The 1922 Bibliography had in all 2119 entries; the present issue has 2943, together with an index of authors and a list of periodicals searched. We hope that the sales this year will be equal to those of the last two years put together, and in this connection remind members that they may order the 1921 and 1922 issues together with that for 1923 at the prices of 1*s.* 8*d.* and 3*s.* 2*d.* (post free) respectively.

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The Presidential Address of Professor J. M. Manly, which will have been delivered before the *Bulletin* is issued, is to be reprinted as a pamphlet and sent to all members. Copies will also be obtainable by the general public through any bookseller at 1*s.* net.

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Early in the new session a Year Book of the Association, containing lists of officers, branches, publications and members for the year 1923–4, will be distributed freely to all members as a separate pamphlet, instead of forming part of the *Bulletin* as heretofore. As the list of members forms a valuable international address-book to all who are interested in Modern Language Research, and as the other information given is not repeated during the year, it is hoped that all who receive the pamphlet will keep it carefully for reference.

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Changes of address or other information for inclusion in the Year Book should be notified to the Hon. Secretary before July 31st.

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The number of subscribers through the M.H.R.A. to the *Modern Language Review* is now nearly 200. We hope to receive a large number of the remaining 600 subscriptions during the next month.

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The following members were elected without opposition to serve on the General Committee of the Association during the year 1923–4: Miss B. Philpotts, Miss A. B. Coventon, M. Montgomery, Esq., S. J. Crawford, Esq., Professor W. E. Collinson and the Rev. H. J. Chaytor.

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Miss R. Wilson, who has been acting as Assistant Secretary to the Association during the present session, has been re-appointed to that post for a period of three years from October 1st, 1923.

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The Hon. Secretary would be glad if any members who have spare copies of Nos. 2, 7 or 12 or other early numbers of the *Bulletin* would communicate with him. A few such copies are particularly desired to complete sets.

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Professor J. J. Stable, M.A., of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, has been appointed Correspondent of the Association for Queensland.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS

We are invited to draw attention to the meetings of the Philological Society, which are held monthly from November to June at University College, Gower Street, London. The next meeting is arranged for November 2nd, when Professor Sir Israel Gollancz will deliver an address. A list of later meetings will be ready early in the forthcoming session.

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Dr Ernest Bernbaum, of the University of Illinois, U.S.A., sends us, as an illustration of the work of the Graduate English Club in that University, a valuable classified bibliography of some thirty typewritten pages, of publications during 1921 and 1922 on the history and theory of prose fiction. Each professor prepares a list like this for his field, and the more important items are discussed at a meeting.

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Mr Marcel Clavel, of the University of Michigan, U.S.A., wishes to announce that he is preparing a thesis on Fenimore Cooper, the man and his work.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

ENGLISH PLACE-NAME SOCIETY

In order to carry out the work of the Survey of English Place-names and to publish the results of its work an English Place-name Society has been formed. The minimum subscription to the Society is 15*s*. and this will entitle members to the annual volume published by the Society. Subscriptions over and above that amount are encouraged in order to meet the heavy expenses of the work of the Survey itself, which is essential as a basis for the published volumes, the minimum subscription covering only the cost to the Society of the actual production of its annual volume. The Introductory volume to the whole series will be published in the autumn of 1924 and includes chapters on Methods of Place-name Study (Professor Sedgefield), Place-names and Linguistic Studies (Professor Wyld), Place-names and Archaeology (Mr O. G. S. Crawford), the Celtic (Professor Ekwall), the English (Professor Stenton), the Scandinavian (Professor Ekwall), the French (Professor Zachrisson) and the Feudal elements (Dr J. H. Round) in English Place-names, on Old and Middle English personal names in relation to Place-names (Professor Stenton) and on the chief elements compounded in English Place-names (Professor Mawer). Thereafter the annual volumes will deal with the place-names of a county or other convenient area as a whole and concern themselves not only with the interpretation of the individual names but with all those general conclusions, linguistic, historical and cultural, which are implicit in them.

Full particulars with regard to the Society's aims, constitution and work, and forms of application for membership can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary (Professor Mawer), The University, Liverpool. The membership of libraries and institutions will be welcomed on the same terms as those for private membership. Subscriptions and donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Treasurer (Colonel Sir Charles Close, K.B.E., F.R.S.), Coytbury, St Giles' Hill, Winchester.

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MODERN HUMANITIES RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

PUBLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL WORK OF MEMBERS

The Modern Humanities Research Association proposes every year to publish one or more volumes of a series of Studies involving Original Research to be contributed by its members. It hopes by so doing to aid some who for financial reasons would otherwise be unable to publish the results of their researches: it will be prepared to consider suggestions from members who are willing to contribute a part of the cost as well as from those who are unable to do so.

The following conditions have been drawn up for the session 1923–4:

(1) A preliminary letter must be in every case sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than October 30th, 1923, describing the nature and length of the work in question and enclosing a statement from at least one person acquainted with it as to its scholarly character. No manuscript is to be sent until definite instructions to that effect are given.

(2) The work submitted may be written in any language, and no condition as to its nature is laid down other than that it should come within the aim and scope of the Association.

(3) Only applications from members of the Modern Humanities Research Association will be considered.

(4) All applications will be submitted to the Publications Sub-Committee of the Association.

(5) Such manuscripts as it asks for will be judged by a small committee of experts appointed by the Association.

CAPITAL FUND

Members will realise how greatly increased is the importance of this fund by the claims upon it made by the new series of publications which the Association contemplates. They are therefore urged to send to the Hon. Treasurer a contribution, large or small, with their subscription for 1923–4, or independently. Contributions amounting to about £5 per month, which would mean to each member the outlay only of a few pence, would make it possible for us to initiate the series without drawing upon capital.

The Hon. Treasurer has pleasure in acknowledging the following contributions: B. W. Downs, Esq., £4. 4*s*.; Mr Le Roy Kimball, 14*s*.; Mr A. Bell, 5*s*.; Mr J. F. Bense, 5*s*.; Professor G. S. Gordon, 5*s*. Smaller sums, 14*s*. 4*d*. Grand total, £6. 7*s*. 4*d*.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Publications of the Modern Language Association of America. Edited by Carleton Brown. Vol. XXXVIII, No. 1, March, 1923.

Philological Quarterly. Vol. II, No. 2, April, 1923.

John Foster's Pioneer Interpretation of the Romantic. By Paul Kaufman. (Reprinted from *Modern Language Notes*. Vol. XXXVIII, No. 1, January, 1923.)

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